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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK MEDIUM-TERM GUARANTEE COVERING SALES TO GUYWA

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1. GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY (GUYWA) WAS ESTABLISHED IN OCTOBER, 1972, TO REGULATE, PROCESS AND TRANSMIT WATER SUPPLIES. GUYWA IS INTENDED TO EVENTUALLY HAVE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WATER SUPPLY IN ALL OF GUYANA. GUYWA ALSO ADVISES ON THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SEWERAGE.

2. GUYWA IS PRESENTLY IN THE FIRST STAGE OF A THREE PHASE EXPANSION PROGRAM, WITH ALL THREE PHASES TO BE COMPLETED BY THE YEAR 2000. THE GOAL OF THE FIRST PHASE (SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1980) IS TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PALATABLE WATER. IN 1976 ALONE, GUYWA IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT SOME 20 WELLS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND LAY 330,000 FEET OF PIPELINE. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE EXPANSION PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO COST OVER G\$60 MILLION (US\$23.5 MILLION). PHASES TWO AND THREE OF THE EXPANSION PROGRAM ARE DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STANDARDS WHILE MEETING THE INCREASED NEEDS OF A GROWING SOCIETY.

3. GUYWA IS NOT A FOREIGN CURRENCY EARNER. HOWEVER, GUYWA IS A PUBLIC CORPORATION AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE GOG. SUGGEST EXIMBANK CONTACT APPROPRIATE STATE

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